

9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nadler, and King of New York; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on New Beginnings: Foreign Policy Priorities in the Obama Administration. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 1913, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009; and H.R. 860, Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE STATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Public Service in the 21st Century: An Examination of the State of the Federal Workforce." Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, OPM; Yvonne D. Jones, Director, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL WATER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1145, the "National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009." The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment

in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon, Representatives Cardoza, Arcuri, Pingree, Stupak, Blumenauer, McCollum, Connolly, Teague, Quigley, Linder, Kirk and Miller of Michigan.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MONITORING

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Monitoring, Measurement and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions II: The Role of Federal and Academic Research and Monitoring Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Alexander MacDonald, Director, Earth Systems Research Laboratory, NOAA; and Patrick D. Gallagher, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Dina Kruger, Director, Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, EPA; Michael Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, NASA; Richard Birdsey, Project Leader, Climate, Fire, and Carbon Cycle Science, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Importance of Technology in an Economic Recovery." Testimony was heard from Edsel M. Brown, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Office of Technology, SBA; Michael Caccuitto, Assistant Director, Office of Small Business Programs, SBIR and STTR Program Administrator, Department of Defense; Jo Anne Goodnight, NIH SBIR/STTR Program Coordinator, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Larry James, Acting SBIR/STTR Program Manager, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Kesh S. Narayanan, Division Director, Industrial Innovations and Partnerships,